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World AIDS Week observance

The following calendar of activities will be observed in the Glades area in observance of World AIDS week: Friday, Dec. 1 is Red Ribbon Day and HIV Testing will be performed by the HEART Project; Saturday, Dec. 2 WSWN Radio will host a Live Call-In Program to observe World AIDS Day; Sunday, Dec. 3 has been designated Day of Prayer; Monday, Dec. 4, Members of the AIDS Coalition, the HEART project and others will walk in the Pahokee Christmas Parade; Tuesday, Dec. 5, a luncheon will be held at Pat's Restaurant, sponsored by the AIDS Coalition and the AIDS Project; Wednesday, Dec. 6 Motorists are urged to drive with their car headlights on from 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; "Light the Way of Hope," Thursday, Dec. 7 is the annual World AIDS Day Candlelight Walk at 5 p.m. beginning at Palm Beach Community College and Friday, Dec. 8 is designated "A Day Without Art."

Living Christmas Tree program at DHCC Dec. 2 and 3

The public is invited to open their holiday season with a musical treat as the 12th Annual Glades Area Living Christmas Tree Program is scheduled for two performances on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. Both performances will be at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on the PBCC-Glades Campus. The program will feature a 42 voice adult choir directed by Becky Watson. Secular and sacred Christmas music in many different styles will be on the program. Gove Elementary School handbells will provide pre-performance lobby music. Mrs. Karen Corbin accompanies both groups on piano. Tickets are still available (limited on Saturday) by calling Leigh Woodham at the Palm Beach Office, 922-6160. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child.

Criminal Justice Golf Tourney

The Advisory Board of the Criminal Justice Academy at Glades Central High School will be sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 2. Call the Pro Shop at 996-6605 for more information and to register. The time is set for 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided for all participants. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Criminal Justice Academy magnet students.

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Old downtown district hopes Santa brings lots of shoppers

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

It's quiet on West Avenue A in Belle Glade. Too quiet.

The sounds of cash registers ringing, customers haggling over prices and cars honking at jaywalkers on the streets are gone. So are the days when Haitian men, weary from a day of cutting cane, still swarmed the downtown stores by the thousands looking for household items to ship back to their wives or sweethearts in Haiti.

What used to be a bustling downtown shopping area 10 years ago is now just a sweet memory for the merchants of West Avenue A and B.

Some merchants are resigned to the lack of business, others still clinging to a hope for the future.

"This area's not dead," insists Omar Matari, who took over the business of Omar's Fashions from his parents, who have owned the store at 228 West Avenue A for 32 years.

For him, business has been better since he took the reins 10 years ago and expanded the product line, but it has a long way to go. He credits competitive pricing and the fact that he sells well-known name-brand clothing for his ability to survive. But, there are problems.

"Don't get me started," he

says, when asked what he thinks has caused the near-demise of the old downtown district.

He blames the City of Belle Glade, who he says hasn't been proactive in supporting the merchants during the downturn and the city's slow efforts to fix up the area.

The sidewalks down here need repair. I know a lady who tripped on a broken piece of sidewalk and broke her front teeth," he said.

Also on his Christmas wish list are shade trees like the ones that were planted down Main Street by the City and street parking.

The list goes on.

"There are a lot of empty buildings that have been boarded up," he noted. "Some of these need to be torn down and converted for extra parking areas."

We hear all the time that there's not enough parking in the area," said Omar. He would also like to see other businesses come to the area to infuse new blood and bring people back to the downtown area. He laments the day last year when Payless Shoe Store and Catos moved to South Main Street.

Ask any old-timer what the area was like back in the 40's

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OMAR FASHIONS



Members of Leadership Glades, Class of 2001 toured the old downtown area of Belle Glade on Wednesday, Nov. 15. They are shown in front of Omar's Fashions on West Avenue A.

Main charged with attempted murder after shooting teen driver

By Tracy Whirls

A Belle Glade man was charged with attempted second degree murder after firing a shot at a teenage girl as she drove herself and some friends to a birthday party Saturday.

Saul Conzuelo, 24, of Belle Glade was charged with attempted second degree murder, shooting into an occupied vehicle and discharging a firearm from a vehicle.

According to a press release prepared by Belle Glade Police Department Detective Gregory S. Burrus, officers from the Belle Glade Police Department were called to Glades General Hospital at 8:40 p.m. Saturday in reference to a shooting that had occurred in the 100 block of South Main Street. The victim, Julie Delgado, 19, of Belle Glade was at the hos-

pital being treated for a gunshot wound to the right upper lip.

According to the detective, Ms. Delgado and three of her friends were on the way to a birthday party when Ms. Delgado's vehicle was approached by an Hispanic male, later identified as Conzuelo, at the Marathon Service Station at 281 South Main Street in Belle Glade. Witnesses told police the suspect was harassing Ms. Delgado and her friends so they left the station.

When Ms. Delgado pulled up at the red light at the intersection of South Main Street and West Avenue A, waiting in the inside turn lane to turn west onto Avenue A, the victim and her friends noticed the suspect was pulling up next to them in the northbound lane of South Main Street. The teens told police the suspect began asking them where they were going and told the victim he

was watching her. A passenger in the vehicle, Yvette Ruiz, told officers she was scared that the suspect would continue following and harassing them and threw a bottle at the suspect's vehicle.

When the light turned green, Ms. Delgado turned onto Avenue A and the suspect allegedly fired a gun at the vehicle, striking Ms. Delgado in the upper lip. The suspect then drove away, headed north on North Main Street.

The passengers gave police a description of the suspect's vehicle, which was located at 895 Northeast 30th Street and later identified the suspect as the driver.

When interviewed by Detective Burrus, the suspect allegedly confessed and gave a description of the firearm, a chrome .22 caliber revolver, which he told police he threw into a canal following the shooting.

Chosen Bridge to reopen Dec. 15

The Florida Department of Transportation announced Monday that the Chosen Bridge over the Haboro Canal on SR 715 in Belle Glade is expected to be open to traffic by Dec. 15.

According to the construction update issued by FDOT, work on the resurfacing and bridge replacement project is

progressing as scheduled with no further delays.

As previously reported, the bridge, which was closed March 8 and scheduled to be reopened in October has been delayed by several unexpected occurrences, including the necessary relocation of a sanitary force main, denucking of the

north side of the bridge and misalignment of some pilings which caused a portion of the project to be redesigned.

In their construction update, FDOT referred all questions or inquiries to E. Wayne Fuller, FRH Construction Services, Inc. at (561) 924-6088.

Pioneer Park Elementary dedicates professional development lab to late Area 4 Superintendent Eugenia Jones

By Tracy Whirls

Pioneer Park Elementary hosted an open house last Thursday to dedicate their new Professional Development Lab in memory of the late Area 4 Palm Beach County Schools Superintendent Grace Eugenia Jones.

The lab, funded by the Mary and Robert Pew Foundation with in-kind funding from the district totaling more than \$500,000 over three years, boasts a full classroom set up complete with microphones and video equipment, adjacent to an observation area where teachers can view a fellow teacher as he or she teaches a class. According to grant facilitator Shelley Miller, the lab will give teachers an opportunity to observe effective teaching practices and critique one another's performance.

"It gives us an opportunity to really grow ourselves, to become better teachers by reflecting with each other, as

Pioneer Park Elementary Principal Anne Turner, left, was joined by L.W. "Butch" Jones and May Kimbrell, spouse and sister of the late Area 4 Superintendent Grace Eugenia Jones in dedicating the school's new professional development lab in her honor. Sunflowers, like those in the painting, were Mrs. Jones' favorite flower. Mrs. Turner said, adding the diversity of the flowers symbolize the diversity of the student population in the Glades whom Mrs. Jones championed.

Gove Elementary teacher killed in CR880 collision

By Tracy Whirls

A Gove Elementary School teacher was killed Thursday when his eastbound car collided head-on with a westbound pickup truck in the westbound lane of CR 880, in what became a chain reaction collision that sent a second vehicle into the ditch on the side of the roadway, causing the driver to go into labor.

According to a press release prepared by Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Investigator Larry Colagiovanni, Fernando Dominguez-Romero, 33, a native of Spain who had come to Gove three years ago to teach in the bilingual program at the school, was driving his 1993 Toyota Tercel east on CR 880, two miles east of Brown's Farm Road, when his car drifted into the westbound lane at approximately 3:20 p.m. last Thursday. Blanche Byron, 37, was westbound, and swerved to the west side of the road to avoid colliding head-on. The driver's side of Mr. Dominguez-Romero's vehicle struck Ms. Byron's 1999 Ford Contour, causing it to scrape the guardrail, striking it again on the driver's side as he passed. Ms. Byron's car then swerved across both lanes of traffic and into the canal on the

eastbound side of the road.

Detective Colagiovanni said Mr. Dominguez-Romero's vehicle continued traveling east in the westbound lane, colliding head-on with a 1994 Nissan truck driven by Pierre C. Richmond, 38, of West Palm Beach, who was traveling west. A fourth vehicle, a 1995 Ford van driven by Jerry Castillo, 42, was behind Mr. Richmond and rear-ended his vehicle following the crash.

Ms. Byron, nine months pregnant, went into labor following the accident and was taken to Glades General Hospital where she gave birth to a baby girl during an emergency C-section.

Mr. Richmond and one of his passengers, Muracin Vilceus, 49, also of West Palm Beach, were flown to St. Mary's Medical Center with serious injuries. A third passenger in Richmond's vehicle, Jean Telisme, 39, of West Palm Beach, was taken to Glades General. Mr. Castillo received minor injuries and was treated and released at Glades General Hospital.

Mr. Dominguez-Romero was pronounced dead at the scene. Any witnesses to the crash are asked to call Colagiovanni at 688-3681.

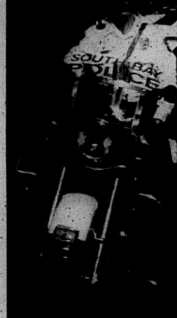
South Bay adds motorcycle cop to its arsenal against speeding

By Tracy Whirls

If you live in Miami and you're planning a trip to Haines City using US 27 and you call AAA to plan your route, chances are your travel agent will warn you that South Bay is a "speed trap."

"We're well known as a 'speed trap,' because we are aggressive, traffic-oriented department," said South Bay Lt. Robert Grande in explaining the mission of the South Bay Public Safety Department to citizens enrolled in the agency's first ever Civilian Public Safety Academy.

"A lot of people look at traffic and they think we do it because of the revenue," said Officer James Scrima. "Sure, we get some revenue. But it's been a long time since we've had a traffic fatality," he noted, and with 32,000 cars traveling on US 27 every day, intersecting with thousands of motorists who use SR 80, traffic enforcement saves lives.



South Bay Public Safety Officer James Scrima is assigned to work traffic on the department's newly acquired Harley Davidson motorcycle.

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and 50's and he'll tell you West Avenue A was the "place" to be. There was a theater, a youth center for teens, jewelry stores and Kahn's Department Store. There was a drug store where you could not only get a prescription filled, but enjoy a grilled cheese sandwich and a coke while you waited for your pills.

Today, the main shops include Omar's Fashions, His and Hers Fashions, Lena's Flower Shop, the Goodwill, and Moda.

Moda is owned by Omar's older brother, Abby, who says he grew up playing on the streets of West Avenue A and also has concerns for the area.

Touring the area

Last week, when members of the Leadership Glades Class of '97 toured the area during an economic development segment, some saw a vision for the future.

Dr. Inge Ford, crossing the street to Moda, spread her arms wide and said, "Can't you just see it? Flower boxes everywhere, attractive awnings, store fronts

with merchandise displayed nicely! There is so much potential here!"

Class members were also impressed when they entered Moda and saw the upscale clothing, and reasonable prices. Leadership Glades organizer Maria Busby said this is why she wanted to bring the group of about 15 to the area, to show them all the nice shopping they can do without leaving town.

Abby Matari told members of Leadership Glades his biggest challenge is getting economic dollars focused on the area.

"I haven't given up, but I'm discouraged," he told the group. "Business isn't too bad here during season, but during the summer, it just shuts down," he said.

In order to survive, Abby says he's learned to diversify. While his brother, Omar, concentrates on everyday clothing and Levi's for the working man, Abby runs a more upscale store, Dressy men's clothing, tuxedo rentals and alterations. One corner of his store is devoted to Nextel telephone sales, which he says brings traffic to his store.

"I've put in my time here. I grew up playing on these streets.

I used to care a lot and I was very active in the community, but now I'm older and there's more gray in my hair. Now I have a wife and children," he said.

He also wishes the city could hear their cry for help and take a stronger interest in the old downtown district. "Keeping the city involved and getting them to focus on this area is a challenge," he told the group.

City, EDGE Center has high hopes for the area

Don't give up, says Barbara Bell Spence, assistant to the city manager for Belle Glade, who says the city is beginning to focus on the downtown area for revitalization and has already done some repaving and other work.

A Front Porch Foundation Initiative grant and an Urban Infill grant are being sought by the city to fix up the area from Avenue E and Main Street up to West Avenue A and across to 10th Street, she says.

"Just fixing the streets will cost in the millions," Ms. Spence said, but the city hopes to get the funding to do many things for the old downtown area.

Carl Selbert, executive direc-



Abby Matari, owner of Omar on West Avenue A, greets members of Leadership Glades during their tour of the downtown district on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

tor of the non-profit EDGE Center (Enterprise Development for Glades Entrepreneurs) also operates his business from the West Avenue A area.

Funded by the County Commission and supported by some grants from the Department of Agriculture, the

EDGE Center hopes to bring new businesses to the area through an incubator program.

Since 1977, the EDGE Center provides business counseling and entrepreneurial training and according to board chairperson Pat McMahon, the Center has obtained more than \$882,000 to help over 19 indi-

viduals in the Glades open their businesses and to teach others how to get started.

In the meantime, Omar Matari doesn't live in the past. He says he has hopes for the future of the old downtown area.

"I'm not going to give up," he says.

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Glades pecans

As one of the service projects, the Belle Glade Garden Club is again this year selling Glades pecans, mediams and halves.

To place your order call Lurline Brooks at 996-2506 or pick up your pecans at JKL Fashions, 110 North Main Street, Suite A, Belle Glade or call JKL at 996-0806.

Second Annual Toy Drive

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce will be accepting donations for their second Annual Toy Drive. Items collected to the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce will benefit the children of the Glades.

The toy drive began on Nov. 1 and will end on Dec. 8. Any toys you may want to drop off may be taken to Bat's Electronics, Bank of Belle Glade, First Community Bank, First Union Bank, CDDC, Glades.

General Hospital, Smith Barney, or the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

The toys will then be distributed by team members to the Salvation Army and St. Paul's

Western Palm Beach County Food Distribution Center just in time for Christmas.

Call the Chamber of Commerce for inquiries on how you can help the children of the Glades at 561-996-2745.

The United Methodist Women's Annual Holiday Bazaar

The United Methodist Women's Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Jameson Hall at Community United Methodist Church, 401 Southwest First St. Beautiful handmade items will be on sale. Christmas tree ornaments, live plants, as well as items to decorate your home for all the holiday seasons of the year will also be available. There will be homemade jellies, jams, relishes, chili, soups, Cuban sandwiches and baked goods. Also visit the Second-Time-Around Shop for attic treasures.

Bring a friend. You're sure to find lovely decorations for your home and you just might find the perfect gift for that hard-to-buy-for person on your Christmas list.

Be sure to register for the door prize drawing to be held in the afternoon.

Christmas on Parade

The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce 15th annual Christmas on parade is planned for Monday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. The Julian Branch Festival of Lights will precede the parade. Participants are urged to contact the Chamber at 924-5579 to register.

Christmas Card Lane

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Christmas Card Lane again this year. Entry fee for the Card Lane is \$5. All entries must be received by the Chamber of Commerce office no later than 3 p.m. Nov. 27.

For more information, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745.

Criminal Justice Open House

The Criminal Justice Academy at Glades Central High School will be hosting an Open House Tuesday, Dec. 5 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Media Center. Eighth and ninth grade students and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend to find out more about this outstanding Magnet program at Glades Central. For more information, please call 993-4448.

World AIDS Memorial Walk & Candle-Light Ceremony

The entire community is invited to participate in the World AIDS Memorial Activities. The Memorial Ceremony and Candlelight Walk will be held on Dec. 7 at 5 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Marian McGhee at 992-9500.

This event is sponsored by the Glades Area HIV Subcommittee.

Free computer classes

Parents, teachers and community members are invited to free computer classes at Pahokee High and Glades Central.

Session two at Pahokee High is Nov. 30 and Dec. 7. At Glades Central, session two is Nov. 27 and Dec. 4.

Registration and snacks are offered the first night at 6 p.m. and classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

Bus transportation and child care/tutoring are offered.

Call the Technology Literacy challenge Fund Office to register. Those telephone numbers are 924-6419 or 924-9165.

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opposed to someone coming in from outside the Glades to teach us something they haven't practiced with our children," Ms. Miller said. An outgrowth of the "Reading Recovery" program, initially the lab will be used primarily by Pioneer Park Elementary teachers, who will be joined by faculty from Glade View and Belle Glade Elementary, which were included in the grant. The program will not necessarily be limited to those three schools, however.

"A lot of it will be voluntary. Each of the schools have resource teachers who are always willing to model themselves for student teachers, new teachers or even veteran teachers who want to grow," Ms. Miller said. The program will be particularly useful for student teachers enrolled in the GATE program at Florida Atlantic University, which targets student teachers to work with schools in need of teachers, helping to acclimate them with the Glades, so that they are more comfortable coming to work in the area. Similarly, teachers from other schools who have been identified as "master" teachers by the district—those

who have been nominated or won Teacher of the Year honors in their discipline. Dwyer award winners and others could bring their methods to the Pioneer Park Lab to share with their colleagues, Ms. Miller said.

In dedicating the lab in Mrs. Jones' memory, Pioneer Park Elementary Principal Anne Turner noted that Mrs. Jones worked very closely with the school's staff to devise the grant application that led to the lab's funding, and to supply video equipment, furniture and other "in-kind" contributions that could not be purchased through the foundation.

Pew Foundation coordinator Louise Grant said the foundation's board of directors thought very highly of the late Area 4 Superintendent. "We were sensitive to the sense of urgency she brought to the plight of the students in the Glades area," Ms. Grant said.

Mrs. Jones had served the education profession for over 36 years when she passed away June 16, 2000. After moving to the Glades in the 70s, Mrs. Jones served as the principal of East Middle School and Pahokee Middle Senior High School before becoming Area 4 Superintendent.

Mrs. Turner was joined by

Mrs. Jones' husband L.W. "Butch" Jones and sister May Kimbrell in unveiling a painting of southwester in her memory. The dedication on the painting is inscribed: "In loving memory of Eugenia Jones, her light shined brightly over all she touched."

Perpet "Mook" Bother 12/18/78 - 10/24/00
The family of the late Perpet "Mook" Bother wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the flowers, food and words of encouragement extended during the loss of their loved one. Parents Missouri Pipart and Mr. and Mrs. James Bother would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your support. We pray that God will continue to bless you each and every day.

Seminole Arts Celebration!

Seminole Tribe of Florida invites you to join in the celebration of American Indian Heritage Month, Saturday and Sunday, November 25 - 26, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Traditional Dancing
- Storytelling
- Patchwork Sewing
- Palmetto Basketry
- Seminole Food
- Beadwork
- Sweet Grass Basketry
- Woodcarving

All activities are FREE with admission to AH-TAH-THI-KI Museum, \$8.00 adult, \$4.00 seniors and students, children under 6 free.

AH-TAH-THI-KI Museum - On the Seminole Big Cypress Reservation west of Fort Lauderdale. Take I-75 (Alligator Alley) to Exit 14, then north 17 miles.

For more information call (863) 902-1113 or (954) 792-0745



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OLD FRIENDS! OLD BUDDIES!



This group got together Friday, Nov. 10 for the 20th Reunion of the first Glades Day School State Championship in 1980. It was also the Glades' only perfect season...so far! Pictured, left to right, are Nacho Bueno, Bart Branyon, Coach Byron Walkers/Tommy Swager and Coach and present Glades Day School Principal Mandy Perez.

'Community Helpers' visit Pioneer Park Elementary

Local business leaders, law enforcement officers and school officials visited Pioneer Park Elementary kindergarten students recently to share their expertise as "community helpers." Glades Central High School Athletic Director Jay Seider stressed the importance of education and reading as they relate to sports. Local sugar farmer Paul Allen described how hard work and

nature have helped him to be successful. Belle Glade Police Department Sgt. John Owens and K-9 Bobby visited the class and Sgt. Owens talked with the students about the importance of following rules, making the right choices and staying safe. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Deputies Gary Pace and Michael Bair discussed bus and road safety.

The Pioneer Park Kindergarten students and their teachers would also like to thank Belle Glade Elks Lodge #1716 for their donation of Halloween trick or treat bags and the Ladies of the Elks organization for their contributions to the school's Thanksgiving Food for Families drive. The "Sugar Bears" thank the community and businesses for their contributions.

Belle Glade Elementary's Eagle's Nest News

MegaSkills/SAC Parenting Meeting

Belle Glade Elementary will be hosting a MegaSkills/School Advisory Council on Nov. 30 in the school's media center. All parents and concerned citizens are invited to attend. Dinner will be served and child care will be provided. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Ms. Jackson at 993-4480.

FCAT mini-workshop

All third, fourth and fifth grade parents and students are being invited to attend a workshop Dec. 2 from 9-11:30 a.m. on how to help their children pass the FCAT test. We will conduct mini-workshops on how to assist your children in reading, writing and math. Brunch will be served.

Tutorial classes

Tutorial classes will begin on Nov. 28. Tutorial classes will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Fourth Grade Writing and Reading and fifth grade math will be the courses offered at the tutorials.

If you have any questions, please contact the Assistant Principal, Ms. Young at 993-4490.

Glades Area Children's Choir performs for school board on Nov. 21

Several members of the Glades Area Children's Choir performed for the Palm Beach County School Board prior to their meeting at the Pulton-Holland Educational Resource Center in West Palm Beach on Tuesday, Nov. 21. The group performed four selections, "Sing for Joy This Festive Day,"

"Song of Joy, Mary Mary" and "Wishes and Candles," which will be on the program at the Glades Area Living Christmas Tree program to be held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Dec. 2 and 3.

The following schools were represented: Belle Glade Elementary, Glades Day

School, Gove Elementary, Rosenwald Elementary, Lake Shore Middle, Pahokee Jr/Sr High and Clewiston's Central Elementary. The singers are organized and directed by Carol Schmidt, Belle Glade Elementary Music Teacher and Becky Watson, Music Teacher at Rosenwald Elementary.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES PARTICIPANTS



Rosenwald Elementary in South Bay collected 1,269 items for needy families as part of News Channel 5's Food for Families campaign. Pictured, left to right are Lindsey Singleton, Sammie Blizell, Mervonta Simpson, Lauro Trevino, Rupert Bryant and Anthony Lee.

Rick Roth elected Vice President of Florida Farm Bureau Federation

Rick Roth of Wellington, a third generation South Florida farmer, was elected Vice President of the Florida Farm Bureau Federation (FFBF) at the Federation's annual meeting Nov. 15-17, 2000 at the Marriott Airport Hotel, Orlando. Carl B. Loop, Jr. was elected to a two-year term as President, a position he has held since 1983.

Mr. Roth is the owner and president of Roth Farms, Inc., a closely held family farm located near Belle Glade, in the Everglades Agricultural Area.

The farm employs 55 people full time plus 175 seasonal employees. Roth Farms produces radishes, leafy vegetables, soy, rice, sugar cane and landscape ornamentals.

Rick's father, Ray Roth, grew up on a vegetable farm near Cleveland, Ohio. He moved to the Glades in 1949. After farming for two years in Belle Glade and Cleveland, the family sold their farm in Ohio and settled in Belle Glade, where Ray married Mary

Elizabeth Hooker.

Rick joined his father in the family business after graduating from Emory University with a B.S. degree in mathematics in 1976. He became the owner and president in 1986.

Mr. Roth currently serves on the board of directors of the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, the Sugar Cane Growers' Cooperative of Florida and the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau. He is a graduate of Glass Two of the Florida Leadership Program for Agriculture and Natural Resources and has served on the board of directors of the Leadership Foundation since 1999.

Mr. Roth has testified before many federal, state and local

governmental entities on behalf of the Florida agriculture industry. He conducts annual farm tours for many elementary school classes, leadership groups, state and federal regulators, elected officials and others.

Elected to two-year terms on the Florida Farm Bureau Board of Directors were Ralph Poppel, Vero Beach, and Michael Dooner of Havana, Rich Watson, High Springs, chairman of the Young Farmer and Rancher Committee, and Robbie Martin, Sarasota. Immediate past chair, will serve one-year terms on the state board.

The Florida Farm Bureau Federation is the state's largest general agricultural association, with more than 137,000 member-families statewide. Headquartered in Gainesville, the Federation is an independent, non-profit agricultural organization and is not associated with any arm of government.

Speeding

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Traffic law enforcement sees a number of important functions, other than enforcing speeding limits, the officers say. Traffic officers target impaired drivers who pose a danger to other motorists. They frequently are the first to identify stolen vehicles, or improperly displayed tags which may have been stolen from another vehicle to disguise vehicles used in the commission of other crimes. The presence of traffic officers patrolling in residential neighborhoods deter other crime.

Traffic enforcement is also a valuable tool in the interdiction of drug trafficking and routine traffic stops often lead to the arrest of individuals wanted for a variety of offenses.

"One out of every four vehicles traveling through a municipality on a major highway, and US 27 is a major highway, is carrying illegal contraband," Lt. Grande said, citing national statistics. "It's estimated that a quarter of a million dollars worth of illicit drugs and drug money travel the nation's highways every day."

Because of the likelihood of running into a criminal during a "routine" traffic stop, working traffic is second only to domestic violence calls in terms of the risks the officers take in performing their jobs.

So why would a nice guy like Officer James Scrima, recently assigned to work traffic on South Bay's newly acquired Harley Davidson 1300 Road King, prefer to work traffic?

"It's exciting for me to work traffic," he said, citing the constant variety which prevents even the most "routine" of traffic stops from being the same. "It's a challenge, with all the different traffic laws and different statutes that Florida puts out."

A native of Fort Lauderdale, Officer Scrima, 32, graduated from the academy in 1991. He began his career as an officer with the Cooper City Police Department, where he became certified in radar detection, DUI certification and other training during his two and a half year stint before transferring to the Hialeah Gardens PD where he worked traffic for seven years and completed training in crime scene and accident reconstruction, firearms instruction and instruction techniques. Certified as a motorcycle patrol officer after completing 80 hours of intensive riding instruction, Scrima is grateful to the South Bay department for allowing him to "go back to motors" and pursue the type of career he's most interested in, although he's only been with the department five months.

The Public Safety Department received the new motorcycle approximately a month ago, using law enforcement block grant funds and taking part in a program for law enforcement agencies with Harley Davidson that allows the Department to lease a brand new motorcycle for \$1800 a year, or \$150 a month, with a new motorcycle being furnished each year the department continues the lease. The motorcycle is fully equipped with police emergency equipment, lights and sirens, and boasts a mount to which a handheld radar unit can be affixed.

Asked why the department wanted to add a motorcycle to their fleet, Officer Scrima cited its fuel efficiency and low maintenance among other factors.

The motorcycle is more easily concealed than a cruiser while running radar and is particularly effective because of its easy maneuverability when pursuing speeders, the officer said.

Conversely, it becomes an excellent community relations tool while on patrol in residential neighborhoods.

"When people see the motorcycle and you're not surrounded by metal, people can speak to you easier," Scrima said, noting that the motorcycle itself, particularly among children, is quite a conversation piece.

Noted for his uncanny ability to "guessimate" the speed of a moving vehicle within two miles per hour of its speed as recorded by radar, Scrima can write a ticket a minute and averages 25 tickets per day. He carries two ticket books in his saddlebags to eliminate unnecessary trips back to headquarters for more, and has been known to wave over three or more speeding vehicles to wait in line while he issues their citations. With the new motorcycle, he expects to be writing more tickets than ever. His personal best so far? Forty-four tickets issued in one day.

So if your holiday travels take you through South Bay, beware. Officer Scrima will be watching you.

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Presidential election

"I would like to know why Mr. Bush is in such a hurry to move into the White House. If he meant the right thing, he would wait until all the votes were counted rather than start off on the wrong foot.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Gore should know they are playing with the people in the world like we don't have a say in it. If Mr. Bush does, we can put a gun to our heads plus, they can start making more electric chairs and whoever put him there should be the first in line. I don't think it's fair for one family to run the world."

Deadbeat dads

"Someone a few weeks ago was talking about deadbeat dads. I don't have anything against a man taking care of his children, but I don't against the moms getting the money and taking care of another man with the money the children should get."

Someone should also investigate instead of spending tax payers money looking for the dads they should spend that money making sure the kids are taken care of. It took two to tango."

This and that

"I'm concerned about the convenience in Belle Glade. We have elders in the residential area and people who try to work and earn a decent living and we can't get proper rest from the music that gets out of control here in the Glades."

We choose people to go into offices that we know are not qualified to be sitting in the office. Things have gotten out of hand, and out of control here in the Glades. We have people putting folks in offices that can't even live up to what they had said that they would do for Belle Glade. We need people who are qualified and can get the job done. We can't get these things done if we only have people fighting for their favorite friends. We need someone who can help our community and make sure our young children are safe when they are walking to school. Someone to always be concerned about the welfare of Belle Glade."

We have problems in several areas, such as: young people get speakers in their cars loud enough to go to some big place like the American Legion and the officers ride through the city as if the youngsters are not breaking the law. When someone does call and they decide to visit the young people with the loud music, they get bricks thrown at them. They play their music that can be heard from one end of the community to another and the officers ride by them as if they're not doing anything. They are doing something, they are disturbing the peace. We have people who are working, they work different hours and they need their rest, but we don't have a law here in Belle Glade. We don't have that. We have a bunch of chickens clucking at one another, trying to pick each other to death. We need dedicated people to work here in the City of Belle Glade. When it all boils down, we choose someone who doesn't get the job done. Instead of working with the community, they're working against it."

Those are my sayings and I appreciate you listening, but we need to focus on our city. Belle Glade is one trashy place; garbage all over the streets, hoping is getting down, the water is all nasty and filthy. It's sad that we even have to pay our bills. Everyone knows the water is unclear. Why make the people pay something if it's not even sufficient to clean enough to drink? We have some people that can't even afford the 25 cents to buy clean water. We have trash all over the street that make it look like a garbage pile. We need to wake up and smell the coffee and realize that Belle Glade is going down hill."

A rigged election?

"How is it that it is so inconceivable that Jeb Bush would try to rig the election for favor of his brother, George W. Bush, when he was the one who saved the savings and loan when his father was in the seat as president?"

I'd like someone to answer that question. Stay out of the Bushes."

Mail fraud?

"This Speak Out goes straight to the Sheriff's Department. I am calling to complain about how I was misled. I called the Sheriff's Department out here on Monday, November 13 to remain anonymous and state of concern. I was told that I was committing some crime that was treated very badly because I was tossed here and there and nobody was able to answer my questions and I was not even able to speak to a detective, which I wanted to."

They kept me on hold and then gave me a voice mail. The bottom line is that I wasn't able to speak to a detective to let them know what was going on with this mail fraud. It seems the Sheriff's Department of Belle Glade really doesn't care about the hearing on the citizens. I think they are just trying to keep the citizens out of the people call in and complain about this information so the citizens of Belle Glade can participate in keeping the crime rate down. I think something needs to be done about this. I would like someone to respond in reference to this Speak Out."

Editor's note: You should call Johnny Johnson, postmaster at the Belle Glade Post Office if you have evidence of mail fraud. That number is 996-3145.

Use the Sheriff's Office

"I'm calling about the way that officers are treating people in the area. Aside from the services the Pahokee Police Department provides, they do not provide escorts for every funeral service that takes place. That is not something that will represent the bulk of the Pahokee population so I can certainly see why we can do away with those services."

But the professionals that the Sheriff Department provides is something that we certainly need in Pahokee. So with that in mind, I really hope the city council reconsiders bringing in professionalism and a professional atmosphere. Getting rid of that good 'ol boy network that has been in place so long in Pahokee is important. It's time. It's the new millennium and it's time for us to bring about a new change."

Water bills

"I'm calling in regards to the water bill increase in Belle Glade. Several months ago in the paper, they said they were supposed to increase our bills gradually over several years, but they didn't do it. They hit us all at once."

Editor's note: Water rates went up last September and other increases may be made in the future to help offset upgrades at the water plant which were mandated by the federal government."

Missed the picture

"I would like to acknowledge the wonderful float that Treehouse Learning Center had in the Glades Center Homecoming Parade. Every year for the past two years, the Treehouse Learning Center has presented the community with a beautiful float. These floats are the proud effort of the families and the staff of the Treehouse Learning Center. They show their support for the community and the pride in the child care center."

With all of that said, it is a true shame that the Sun Newspaper does not acknowledge their efforts. For the past two years, a picture was given to The Sun of the float and a request was made to include the picture in the paper. This year's coverage of the parade, in general, was lacking. We all take pride in our community and support our local football team by participating. It is discouraging to those involved and leaves us with a lack of motivation to participate in next year's parade."

Editor's note: With all the entries in parades we can never guarantee that one particular business' entry will be used in the newspaper. This case is no exception. Our photographer did get a picture of Treehouse Learning Center's float and it was in our Sunday paper, The Big Lake Sunday News, the following week."

Relative Caregiver Program is public investment in families

Experts agree that whenever possible, children should be raised by relatives. Says Christina A. Zawisza and John M. Ratliff in an article released by the Florida Forum in Florida, 231,000 children live with a grandparent, some of them because of child abuse, neglect, drug use and other problems at home.

The authors, co-directors of the Children First Project at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, note that in 1988, Florida recognized this principle by creating the Relative Caregiver Program which provides monthly financial assistance to relatives other than parents who are raising children.

"While the program is a good start in helping children remain within a family situation, there are many ways the program could be improved," Mr. Ratliff points out.

"As residents do in other states, Floridians depend on grandparents to take custody of children who otherwise would end up in foster care," Ms.

Zawisza says. "In Miami-Dade county, for example, a startling 59 percent of abused and neglected children are placed with relatives."

"However, relative caregivers aren't eligible for the same financial assistance available to non-relative foster caregivers," Mr. Ratliff says. "At the same time, grandparents, in particular, often struggle desperately with finances. They often rely on meager resources and may even go back to work after retirement to make ends meet," he adds.

"Under the Relative Caregiver Program, a relative can receive \$264 per month about 77 percent of what a foster parent receives."

"The state should increase relative caregiver payments to equal foster parent payments, and many ways to include clothing allowances and college tuition waivers, and allow relatives to qualify for the program without jumping through unnecessary hoops," Ms. Zawisza argues. Changes need to be made with in the Department of Children



and Families and within the court system to eliminate red tape and other problems raised by relatives using the kinship care program, the authors note.

"Instituting some of these changes to recognize the role relatives play in giving care to our children are just a few of more than 30 recommendations made by the Children First Project," Mr. Ratliff adds. "During the next legislative ses-

sion in Florida and at the national level in Congress, our elected officials must consider these recommendations and take action to strengthen our relative caregiver program."

Ms. Zawisza and Mr. Ratliff emphasize, "Florida's kinship care program is a sound social investment that will lower the cost of dealing with the residue of our failure to put children first."

Cat Talk

Magnet Applications

The recruitment program is in full swing for magnet schools and choice option programs. If you have a child entering kindergarten in the fall of 2001 and you are interested in having your child attend an Elementary School as a magnet student, please fill out an application form or call for an appointment (993-1922). Our school offers an International Studies Program with emphasis on dual language. Our goal is to create an environment that promotes equality and positive racial/cultural attitudes for all students because bilingual and biliterate. We will be hosting a Mini Open House on Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. and on Jan. 18 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. for anyone interested in learning more about our program."

Top volunteers for the month of October

Congratulations to the following volunteers for giving of their time to the students at Gove Elementary: Karen McCarthy (6 3/4 hrs.), Maria Mariczytrena (56 hrs.), Sandra Mendoza (23 3/4 hrs.), Lucy Mobley (24 3/4 hrs.), Bobbi Christmas (22 1/2 hrs.), Tammy Cato (21 1/4 hrs.), Elena Hernandez (12 hrs.), Erika Origer (15 hrs.), Janice Alava (14 1/2 hrs.), San Juana

Cabrera (12 1/2 hrs.), Richard Christmas (11 1/4 hrs.), Arminia Fuentes (10 3/4 hrs.), Vickie Boyd (10 hrs.), Engracia Vasquez (10 hrs.). A great big thanks from our faculty and staff for all that you do for our school.

Students of the Month

The following students were selected as "Students of the Month" for the month of October: Kindergarten: Corey Helvy, Gabriel Mendez, Paetrina Alexander, Mayra Hernandez, Laurie Pope and Davina Ferguson; K-1: Julian Pope and Jeremy Everett; First Grade: TiaJuanna Tillman, Priscilla Fields, Austin Hamilton, Denisha Day, Isabel Hernandez and Vakeedra Wright; Second Grade: Amarilis Ramos, Karly Redd, Lashawn Walker, Anna Moreno, Krista Gutierrez, Giselle Moreno;

Ryan McCarthy and Lindsey Miller; Third Grade: Anna Roa, Jessica Ruiz, Rojelio Vasquez, Jesus Hernandez, Vanessa Bethel and Gaby Paleveda; Fourth Grade: Miriam Quintanilla, Armando Hurtado, Felicia Holland, Dairant Beavers, Jessica Baltazar, Vanessa Varela and Jalchita Frederick; Fifth Grade: Kayla Collier, Joshua Huston, Amelia Gutierrez and Ramon Pacheco; Sixth Grade: Jared Balcasao, Kayla Rodriguez and Willena Dennard. These students were selected by their teachers for outstanding classroom performance. We are very proud of these students for their accomplishments.

Upcoming Events

11/27: Pahokee Jr/Sr High Magnet Open House 6:30 p.m. in Pahokee

World AIDS Day calls for men to make a difference

The thirteenth annual World AIDS Day, Dec. 1 will be observed throughout Palm Beach County. The message this year is for men to take the lead in creating awareness of the risks of HIV/AIDS and help prevent the deadly disease. "Men represent the majority of people living with HIV/AIDS and, thus, they should take the lead in creating awareness for themselves, their partners, children, families and friends to stem the tide of the HIV/AIDS epidemic."

In Palm Beach County, of the 7,447 AIDS cases, 4,141 have

already died and another 1,501 are living with HIV. Worldwide the epidemic has spread to 34.3 million men, women and children. In the United States, 40,000 new HIV cases are reported annually.

Around the world, 191 countries are observing World AIDS Day. Palm Beach County will begin its observance at 5 p.m. Nov. 30 at West Palm Beach's CityPlace with a reading of the proclamations declaring World AIDS Day Dec. 1, followed by the New Beginning Dancers from the DeSoto County Church of God in Christ and

other community choirs.

During World AIDS Day all Palm Beach County School students will receive red ribbons through the Comprehensive AIDS Program to be worn as a silent observance of the day. Throughout the county, churches, HOPE House and other facilities will offer free HIV/AIDS testing.

In Belle Glade, the Glades Health Initiative, 136 South Main Street, will offer free testing Dec. 1 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

The World AIDS Memorial Walk, a candlelight ceremony will be held Dec. 7.

beginning at Palm Beach Community College at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Aurie Moore Williams at 992-9500.

World AIDS Day activities are being coordinated through the Palm Beach County Health Department. The Health Department is dedicated to providing a clean, safe and healthy environment through education, prevention and dedication to the people it serves. Information can be obtained through the Florida AIDS Hotline at 1-800-FLA-AIDS.

Health Care District and fire departments join to promote Florida KidCare Program

The Health Care District will partner with the Belle Glade and Pahokee Fire Departments to distribute Florida KidCare applications to parents of children without insurance. The Health Care District will supply Belle Glade and Pahokee Fire Department vehicles with Florida KidCare applications to be provided to children without insurance who are treated and/or transported by the Firefighters/Paramedics.

KidCare is a statewide, comprehensive health insurance program available to children, newborn through age 18. The Health Care District is the local sponsor for this statewide program responsible for funding the local match and organizing such as the outreach and education program.

"We are excited about working with the Belle Glade and Pahokee Fire Departments as an expansion of our outreach efforts," says Terri Weichman, KidCare Specialist for the Health Care District. "Statistics show that Palm Beach County has more than 25,000 uninsured children. Partnering with local organizations such as the Fire Departments ensures that we are reaching as many children in need as possible. The Health Care District also promotes the KidCare program through the School District, the school nurses,

the Health Department, local hospitals, physician offices and other community-based organizations."

"Our Fire Departments are involved in several community outreach programs," said Belle Glade Fire Department Lt. Doug Manger and Pahokee Fire Department Chief Gary Repley. "Because we are without in the community seven days a week, 24 hours a day, we are an excellent resource in helping organizations to promote their programs. Of course, making sure that children have access to preventive health care is a basic concern of any EMS provider."

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County is an independent special taxing district responsible for planning, funding and coordinating health care and trauma services for the residents of Palm Beach County. It accomplishes this through administration of the Palm Beach County Trauma System, administration of the Health Care District Home ("Palm Beach County Home"), management of the countywide school health program, provision of a managed care program for medically underserved residents and administration of health care, local state and federal organizations to make health services available in Palm Beach County.

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ESSAY WINNER



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Grassy Waters Essay Contest overall winner, Kerri Militta, a junior at Glades Day High School, is presented with a savings bond by Grassy Waters Festival Committee Chair Kay Zaccagnino as Glades Day Principal Mandy Perez looks on.

Kid's TRIBUTE TO DAD



Aaron Otto of Pahokee, Grassy Waters Essay Contest Special Merit winner, read his essay, a tribute to his father who served with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam in 1971, to those who had gathered for the veteran's tribute during the festival Nov. 11. Pictured with him is Grassy Waters Festival Committee Chair Kay Zaccagnino.

CAKES IN A JAR



Dot Vanlandingham, Chamber volunteer extraordinaire, was on hand during the Pahokee Grassy Waters Festival with her unique and popular homemade "cakes in a jar."

Obituaries

Ethel Mae Coley

Ethel Mae Coley, 79, of Belle Glade, died Nov. 10, 2000 in Miami. She was born Dec. 10, 1921 in Dublin, Ga., to the late Jake and Pearl Coley.

Ms. Coley leaves behind one sister, Pearl Swanson of Waycross, Ga.; four brothers, Clinton Coley and his wife Hazel, of Miami; Sanford Coley of Rochester, N.Y.; Letty Coley of Dublin, Ga.; and David Coley of Way Cross, Ga.; three sisters-in-law, Willie Belle Coley of Dublin, Ga.; Ethel Mae Coley of Buxley, Ga.; and Rebecca Coley of Rochester, N.Y. She also leaves behind, a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and many friends, including a very special friend Mrs. Mary Jo Bryant of Belle Glade.

Funeral services were held Nov. 18 in Dublin, Ga. at Zion Hill Methodist Church. Arrangements were made by Hall-Ferguson Hewitt Funeral Home in Miami and Wyche's Funeral Home in Dublin, Ga.

ories a loving mother, Missour Philpart, a loving father, James Bother and stepmother, Willie Mae Bother; five brothers and four sisters: James F. Bother, Fredrick Bother, Leonard Bother, James Bother, Jr., Jermaine Bother, Michelle Philpart, Temicha Philpart, Tequesta Bother and Jameisha Bother, 16 nieces and nephews, grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Sylvia Canty, Mr. Millage Philpart; 22 aunts, 17 uncles, a host of great aunts, cousins, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Greater St. Paul Church of God in Christ with Bishop Bobby Moore, Sr., officiating. Interment followed at Foreverglades Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Taylor, Smith and West Funeral Home, Belle Glade.

Rhea Lowery

Rhea Lowery, 76, a former resident of Belle Glade, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2000, in Ocala hospital. She was a member of The Seventh Day Adventist Church of Ocala. She was preceded in death by one son, Leland Tatum and is survived by her husband Louis C. Lowery of Ocala; stepson, Louis L. Lowery of Belle Glade; and stepdaughter, Wanda Cloff of West Palm Beach, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Perceal Dundie Bother

Perceal Dundie Bother, 22, of Ft. Lauderdale passed away Oct. 24, 2000. The son of James Bother and Missour Philpart of Belle Glade, he attended The School of Christ in Pahokee. His favorite song was "My mother prayed for me."

He leaves to cherish his mem-

GOVE STEEL DRUM BAND



The Gove Elementary School steel drum band from Belle Glade, directed by Mr. Jose Fred and the violin ensemble performed for the entertainment of festival goers in Pahokee recently.

Community Thanksgiving Service held Nov. 20

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service was held at Community United Methodist on Monday, Nov. 20. This event, sponsored by the Belle Glade Ministerial Association, unites the citizens of Belle Glade in Prayer and Worship Service thanking God for His many Blessings. Special music was offered by Sharon Brown, Steve Skelley and Andy Hollingsworth and the Glades

Area Christmas Tree Choir directed by Carol Schmidt. Mrs. Karen Corbin accompanied the choir and congregation. The message was delivered by Dennis White, pastor at Community Methodist.

Xi Iota Alpha chapter held "shopping social" Nov. 18

The Xi Iota Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi had their November meeting Nov. 7, 7 p.m. at the home of Vera Robinson.

It was announced that Micah Corbin has resigned from the chapter as president and will be moving out of the area. Members wished Micah "Good luck," adding that she will be missed. Irma Goggins was named President and Debbie Williams has moved up to Vice-President.

The members had two ladies, Jackie Owens and Kay Zaccagnino, join the chapter for the evening's events.

The evening's program covered

the 2000 Presidential Election and what an election this has been. Members had mixed ideas and concerns about the Presidential nominees and local elections in our community and state! One thing all present agreed on, is that we all want the best for our great nation and community. "God Bless America."

A divine Chili dinner with great desserts included was enjoyed. Many thanks to Vera, Karen and others who contributed to this delicious meal.

The ladies planned a shopping social for Nov. 18.

Butts named to Dean's List

Chimere Butts was recently named to the Dean's List at Albany State University in Albany, Ga.

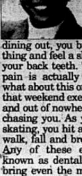
A graduate of Glades Central Community High School class of 1998, Chimere is entering her

junior year majoring in Speech/Theatre, and holds a 3.2 grade point average.

Chimere is the daughter of Willie and Marion Butts of South Bay.

SONRISA with Dr. Inge Ford

About Dental Emergencies



Here is a scenario. You are out on the town dining out, you bite down on something and feel a slight pain in one of your back teeth. This little "pip" of pain is actually a lost filling. Or what about this one? You are getting that weekend exercise rollerblading, and out of nowhere comes a big dog chasing you. As you are frantically known as dental emergencies, will bring even the most reluctant person to the dental office. Obviously, the most appropriate action is to see a dentist quickly. However, that is not always the possible. Read on to find out something you can do temporarily in dental emergencies until you can get to the dentist.

Fillings can break or come out for several reasons. Often times an old filling can develop a hairline crack or have some leakage around the margins (where the filling and tooth meet). This leakage allows saliva and bacteria to get under the filling and weaken the tooth—commonly called "recurrent decay." The tooth can become sensitive to cold then hot liquids, eventually the filling can lift out or break. You should seek dental care as soon as possible or the untreated tooth can develop a deeper infection that may require a root canal or even worse—an extraction. If a dentist is not accessible, a temporary filling can sometimes be created with a bit of dental wax or dental cement compound that can be purchased at a local pharmacy. Try to avoid sticky and hard-to-chew foods, very hot or very cold foods and sucking from straws to prevent nerve irritation.

Broken teeth can be quite painful. Teeth can break when eating hard foods, from extensive decay, or trauma due to an accident. If getting to the dentist is not possible, avoid eating on the affected side of the mouth with the broken tooth, and drink only room temperature beverages. If there is a sharp edge of the tooth that is aggravating your cheek or gum, place a piece of wax or some sugarcane bubble gum over it. Again, you can seek over-the-counter temporary filling material at some drug stores and place it on the broken tooth. If you have no medical condi-

tions or do not take medications that prevent taking non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), I suggest 400-800 milligrams of ibuprofen (Motrin or Advil). Always follow the instructions on the bottle, or ask your pharmacist. Next step, get to the dentist quickly.

Remember that lost fillings and broken teeth are predisposed to deeper infections if left untreated. Swelling, abscesses, and inflammation occur more frequently than you may think. The longer it is, the more it is bothering you before you see a dentist, the harder it is for the dentist to treat you comfortably. Try to find a dentist that is reachable in the event of a dental emergency (i.e. via pager or paging system) and keep that number handy.

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Sports

Volleyball season comes to an end on east side of the Lake



Photo/Linda Lee

The Glades Day Junior Varsity Volleyball team includes, from front row left to right, Jessica Paez, Brittini Pelham, Anne Lee; second row, Autumn Doney, Amanda Browder, Natalie Alvarez, Amanda Orsenigo; third row, Shelby Markham, Haley Valentinne, Jusene Armas, Erin McMahon and Sadie McKee.

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

After the end of a great volleyball season for Glades area varsity volleyball teams, coaches and returning players pledge to concentrate on their goals for next year. Some of the volleyball teams experienced an exciting amount of success this year, while others had difficulty adjusting to playing, but all agreed this year was a lot of fun. History was written for the Glades Day Volleyball team which performed phenomenally.

Glades Day Gators

One of the teams that enjoyed a great season were the Lady Gators. For the first time in the history of Glades Day School varsity volleyball, the Lady Gators made it all the way to the Palm Beach Atlantic Tournament and the Palm Beach Lakes Tournament to play in the Gold Bracket; the team came in second at both tournaments. By the time the team was nearing the regional semi-finals, their record was 18-12. They finished second in the districts.

Part of the team's new-found success might have stemmed from their new coach. The Lady Gators were guided by Coach Kathy McReynolds who transferred over from Hollywood Christian where she coached for five years. Coach McReynolds' knowledge played an instrumental role in shaping and sharpening the skills the volleyball players already possessed.

"We knew we had a lot of talent coming in, with Carmen Paez and Hela Barhoush," said Coach McReynolds. "We knew with the auxiliary, the rest of them, we had to kind of bring them up because they really hadn't been worked with them."

Glades Day Gators to face Crescent City in Class A Play-offs

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

Glades Day seemed to be head-to-head against Warner Christian through the first half of the game last Friday, losing only seven points to Christian in the first half. After returning from half-time break, Glades Day stood like a brick wall, not allowing any more touchdowns by Warner Christian, and piling up 42 points in the second half alone. Glades Day (6-5) finished the game 56-21.

Sophomore running back Brannan Thomas rushed for 155 yards from 28 carries to lead the game in rushing. Gator quarterback Kyle McNamara completed four of ten passes for 74 yards and sophomore receiver Nick Sanchez caught three passes for 66 yards as the Gators moved on in the Class A playoffs.

Also contributing to the Gators' victory, Senior Tito Mirabal scored on a 22-yard interception return in the first quarter of the game to put the Gators on the board. Sanchez

in the past. A lot of focus was on that, bringing their mental state up, believing they could be a productive part of the team. Very pleased with that group. We matured very well as a team."

The team was very excited to take part in both of the major tournaments this year. The Lady Gators played their best and came in second only to Lake Worth High School, a 6A school, at the Palm Beach Atlantic Tournament, and placed second to Royal Palm, a 5A school, at the Palm Beach Lakes Tournament. Up until the installation of Coach McReynolds as head coach, the school had never made it to either of the tournaments.

Coach McReynolds suffered from a small case of deja vu while training her girls. "What's unique about it is I'm coaching second-generation like Jessica and Carmen Paez," said Coach McReynolds. "I coached their mother and Amanda Broderick. I coached her mother." She said it was nice to work with her former players' daughters. When asked how good their mothers were, her response was, "They were great. They were great."

The Lady Gators lost to Westminster Christian in the regional semifinals on Nov. 4. Had they beaten Christian, they would have played against King's Marathon the same day at 7 p.m. King was the team the Gators were looking to beat after having lost to them three times this year.

Coach McReynolds doesn't worry about next year as she prepares for the coming season. "I'm only going to lose three people and with what we've got coming up, I think it's gonna be as good if not better."

Junior varsity volleyball Coach Sheri Paez said her team also helped the Gators double their score in the second win with a touchdown run from four yards out.

Thomas' performance included a 1-yard touchdown and a 3-yard touchdown in the third quarter, as well as a fourth-quarter touchdown from a 23-yard run. Sanchez scored

The Glades Day Varsity Volleyball team is set to emulate their 2000 season success next year. The Glades Day varsity volleyball team includes, from row left to right: Kristine Sanchez, Jayme Arnold, Crystal Doney, Carmen Paez, Hela Barhoush, Jenna Garrett, Denise Peniel and Megan Byrd. Pictured with the JV team, Amanda Browder and Jessica Paez moved up to the varsity squad during the season.

played a good season and that she was proud of their accomplishments, but felt the team could have done a little better. "They had a really good year. In the end, they were really developing into a good team. We're working really hard and looking forward to next year. They were a young team...a really young team."

Pahokee Blue Devils

Pahokee's varsity volleyball team is in a rebuilding mode, with Coach Dennard sending two of six players who will return next year to volleyball camp and pledging to work on serves after ending the season 1-17 this year.

Problems, with serves plagued the team all season, Coach Dennard said, and may have cost the team a possible win in the district finals. "We need to work on our serves and also we need to work on all facets of the game, but serving is one of the main. In our final we played pretty good. I don't know if they get nervous or what, but we can't put a serve on the court at that time."

Pahokee has six players returning next year and is hoping to benefit from those six. Two of the players will be sent to volleyball camp in hopes of fine-tuning the skills they have. "I've got six people coming back that can start. This year, I had six people that were just good. These six people, I think, once we get in next year, they'll be on top. I've got two that have the potential to be All-Stars. All of them are good, but next year I'll have a much better team. I think we'll go away over 500 next year. They feel good about themselves, they know they can win."

If there's one thing Coach

Dennard blamed for the season's dismal year, it was inexperience. At times the girls felt ready to win, but were unable to put everything together and win, the coach said. "If anything counts, it's will and once they're willing to, they'll win," he said.

Coach Dennard will also work with the girls to improve their endurance for next season.

"We got a real tough district, but I plan in the district to do something. If by chance we can win in the district I'll be great." Coach Dennard said as he wrapped up the season in one word, "Challenge. It was a challenge."



The 2000 Pahokee Blue Devil Varsity Volleyball team had a challenging season this year, according to Head Coach Larry Dennard.

Glades Central Raiders

The Glades Central High School volleyball team also had one of their best seasons in recent history. Head Coach Terry Osborne was on maternity leave the last seven games of the season so Assistant Coach Gloria Stewart took over and led the girls to the district playoffs.

The team played very well this season, according to Coach Osborne. "Everybody was outstanding. It was a young team, but it was a good team. We're really looking forward to next year."

Ycorie Lee, a Glades Central volleyball veteran of three years, acted as Captain of the team this year. She helped the team reach some of its goals through persistent leading and helping. Coach Osborne said, and was herself also one of the

team's best players. "This is the best season in a while. In all the years we've been trying to win and win, we finally got it," said Lee.

Glades Central also had a tremendous player in 6-foot-something freshman, Co-Captain Jokerra Sneed. "Sneed is a very good player. She is good at serving and spiking," said Coach Osborne.

"She's one of our best players," said Ycorie Lee. As a freshman, Coach Osborne expects Sneed will prove to be an asset to Glades Central for a long time to come.

Glades Central went all the way to the playoffs, their run ending when Forest Hill managed to edge out Glades Central 15-13.

The team is looking forward to next year and are discussing going to camp during the summer.

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